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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EXILED TO MEXICO IN 1955, FIDEL CASTRO CONTINUED HIS FIGHT TO REMOVE THE DICTATOR IN CUBA, ORGANIZING AND TRAINING A SMALL GROUP OF OTHER EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES, COSTA RICA AND MEXICO TO LAND IN CUBA.

IN 1956, HE ALONG WITH 81 MEN, LANDED IN BELIS, NEAR THE SIERRA MAESTRA MOUNTAIN RANGES AND BEGAN THE SERIES OF GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON THE DICTATOR'S FORCES, RESULTING IN BATISTA'S EVENTUAL DEFEAT.

ON FEBRUARY 16, 1959, FIDEL CASTRO RUZ WAS NAMED PRIME MINISTER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

THE YEARS WHICH FOLLOWED WERE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. NO ONE COULD EVER FORGET THE SACRIFICES OF THE CUBAN CUBAN PEOPLE IN THE FACE OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR EFFORT TO OVERTHROW THE CASTRO REGIME. ALL WHO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND

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SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL PEOPLES REMEMBER THE INGLOURIOUS INVASION OF THE BAY OF PIGS, AND GLORY IN THE VICTORY OF THE CUBAN FORCES THERE.

WE SALUTE THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT VICTORY.

HISTORY WILL RECORD THE WORK FIDEL CASTRO DID IN THOSE VITALLY IMPORTANT YEARS WHEN CUBA STARTED FROM VIRTUALLY NOTHING, WITH EVERYTHING STILL TO BE DONE AND WHEN CUBANS DID NOT HAVE THE AWARENESS THEY HAVE TODAY.

EQUALLY, HISTORY WILL NOTE HIS PROFOUND INTERNATIONALISM. NEVER CONTENT THAT CUBA SHOULD MAKE PROGRESS ALONE, HE HAS SHARED CUBAN EXPERTISE WIDELY AND GENEROUSLY THROUGHOUT THE THIRD WORLD. IN THE TRUE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT, CUBA NEVER ASKS ANYTHING IN RETURN NOR SEEKS TO ATTACH STRINGS.

FINALLY, HISTORY WILL APPLAUD THE HISTORIC DECISION TO ANSWER THE CALL OF ANGOLA FOR HELP WHEN THE MERCENARIES OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA SEEMED ABOUT TO OVERRUN THAT NEWLY INDEPENDENT LAND. IN AN ACTION THAT AMAZED THE WORLD, SOUTH AFRICA WAS DEFEATED BY CUBAN FORCZ OF ARMS AND REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT.

WE IN JAMAICA ARE PROUD OF THE PART WE HAVE PLAYED AND CONTINUE TO PLAY IN REITERATING THE DEMAND FOR THE REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

WE HONOUR PRESIDENT CASTRO ON THIS OCCASION IN TRIBUTE TO HIS HEROIC AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES TO HIS COUNTRY AND INDEED THE ENTIRE WORLD IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM.

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IT IS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF PRIDE AND RESPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JAMAICA ASK THAT BRAVE AND HUMANE SPIRIT, THINKER, SOLDIER, TRUE REVOLUTIONARY AND SOUL OF THE MODERN CUBAN NATION, HIS EXCELLENCY FIDEL CASTRO RUZ TO ACCEPT THE DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF THE ORDER OF JAMAICA. END QUOTE.

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